

GCSE

Religious Studies (World Religions)

Christianity (Roman Catholic) 1

Specimen Paper

B573

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials: none

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

1 (a) Describe Roman Catholic teaching on sin.

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(b) Explain, using examples, the sacrament of reconciliation.

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(c) 'Seeking forgiveness is a sign of weakness.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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2 (a) Describe the ways in which Ash Wednesday might be observed.

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(b) Describe how Christians observe Lent and explain why it is important for Christians.

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(c) 'Giving things up for your religion is irrelevant to people today.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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3 (a) Describe the similarities between the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations.

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(b) Explain the differences between the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations.

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(c) 'Christians should not allow historic divisions to keep them apart today.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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The maximum mark for this paper is **48**.

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| Question Number | Answer | Max Mark |
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| 1(a) | <p>Describe Roman Catholic teaching on sin.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with descriptions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The belief that when a Roman Catholic sins they are deliberately turning their backs on God; • The belief that there are varying degrees of sin in terms of serious and less serious, some may use the terms venial and mortal sin; • Examples of what is meant by these using adultery or abortion as the more serious examples and 'little white lies' as the less serious; • The consequences of sin such as Hell or time spent in purgatory; • The Roman Catholic belief that God is a forgiving God and give examples such as the parable of the Prodigal Son. | [6] |
| 1(b) | <p>Explain, using examples, the sacrament of reconciliation.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The different way the sacrament can be received, e.g. general absolution, a service of reconciliation with personal confession during the service or private confession in a confessional either facing the priest or behind a screen; • The use of an examination of conscience as a preparation for receiving the sacrament; • How the priest sometimes uses a biblical text to focus the recipient on a particular idea of sacramental forgiveness; • The rite of absolution itself and the need for some of penance to make up for the sins; • Penance may often just be a few prayers but can sometimes be an encouragement towards an act of charity. | [6] |
| 1(c) | <p>'Seeking forgiveness is a sign of weakness.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a competitive and harsh world it is not always in a person's best interest to admit they are wrong and in need of forgiveness; • Many people today see denial as a way of life and this has consequences for those who would want to be more honest. | [12] |

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| 1(c) Cont'd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is wrong to see seeking forgiveness as a weakness, having the strength to recognise what one has done wrong takes courage; The Roman Catholic Church has had a long tradition of teaching the need to seek forgiveness which is based on being strong not weak; Quotes like 'It takes a big person to admit to being wrong...' may be used. | |
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| 2(a) | <p>Describe the ways in which Ash Wednesday might be observed.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A description of the ashes made from the palms used the year before on Palm Sunday; The fact that Ash Wednesday is a holiday of obligation; How when Catholics receive the ashes they are encouraged either to 'repent and believe in the gospel' or to remember that they are dust and that unto dust they will return; The fact that it is a day of fasting and abstinence; explaining that abstinence means not eating any meat and that by fasting the rules mean that all Catholics over the age of 14 should only eat one meal and two collations throughout the day. | [6] |
| 2(b) | <p>Describe how Christians observe Lent and explain why it is important for Christians.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to prepare for Easter; The way some choose to fast from favourite foods or activities; The way that Christians choose to do more for others as a way of keeping Lent; The various services during Holy Week and explain how they help with the preparation for and understanding of Easter; The significance of the resurrection for Christians and hence the importance of proper preparation. | [6] |
| 2(c) | <p>'Giving things up for your religion is irrelevant to people today.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> | [12] |

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| 2(c) Cont'd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a materialist age with a throw away society giving things up is indeed irrelevant; • Doing more is better than doing without; • Lent may be better seen as a time for making more space for prayer as a way of preparing each year for the celebration of the resurrection. • The need for self discipline and choosing to go without is a way to improve in this area; • It is more important in this age to deny ourselves of many of the things we take for granted so that we learn to rely on God and not on material gains. | |
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| 3(a) | <p>Describe the similarities between the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with descriptions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distinction which can be made between what is called 'higher' and 'lower' forms of worship. High Anglican Churches, for example, would worship much as do Roman Catholics; • Some churches would administer the sacraments in much the same ways the Roman Catholic Church; • 'Higher' churches have a hierarchy, similar to the Roman Catholic Church, and point to the Archbishop of Canterbury as the leader of the Anglican Communion; • Similarities between the Roman Catholic Church and Orthodox traditions. | [6] |
| 3(b) | <p>Explain the differences between the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way some denominations focus more on the word of God rather than on the sacramental aspect of religious rites; so, for example, Presbyterian churches will have a pulpit or lectern in the centre of their worship rather than an altar; • The importance of elders rather than ministers or priests in the administration of a community; • The debate between the eastern and western churches which focuses on the 'per filio/filioque' debate. | [6] |

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| 3(c) | <p>‘Christians should not allow historic divisions to keep them apart today.’</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a scandal that a number of churches who claim to follow Christ are causing such division in so many different parts of the world; • Communities need to try to understand the roots of sectarianism to challenge their continued existence as separate groups; • Examples may be given from the ecumenical movement that began in Edinburgh in 1910 with a group of African missionaries for a variety of denominations. • People should be aware of their roots and the view that many of their ancestors were willing to die for what they believed in and that such histories should not just be put aside; • There is a dignity in difference and that different communities should be allowed to worship and exist as they choose. | [12] |
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

| Question | AO1 | AO2 | Total |
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